

House File 899 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the state board of regents to establish an urban
2 institute to assist minority students, and making an
3 appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2790HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:

1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. a. Assess existing program resources
1 4 available for minority students.

1 5 b. Establish and operate an urban institute which
1 6 maximizes and builds on existing resources. Under the
1 7 direction of the board of regents, the urban institute shall
1 8 promote collaboration among the regents universities,
1 9 community colleges, private colleges, high schools,
1 10 communities, and government agencies to achieve the following
1 11 goals:

1 12 (1) Address barriers to college enrollment and graduation
1 13 rates of minority students.

1 14 (2) Assist minority college athletes to develop lifelong
1 15 strategies to avoid contact with the criminal justice system.

1 16 (3) Provide support which assists communities and
1 17 educational institutions to adapt to changing demographics and
1 18 to improve the ability of communities and educational
1 19 institutions to enhance the quality of life by assisting
1 20 minorities to participate in and benefit from educational
1 21 opportunities.

1 22 (4) Provide support to the department of workforce
1 23 development in developing strategies to reduce disparities
1 24 relating to hiring and retaining minority employees.

1 25 Sec. 2. URBAN INSTITUTE APPROPRIATION. There is
1 26 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state
1 27 board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
1 28 and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much
1 29 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
1 30 designated:

1 31 For the urban institute established pursuant to section
1 32 262.9, subsection 31:

1 33 \$ 500,000

1 34 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
1 35 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
2 1 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
2 2 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
2 3 the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2010.

EXPLANATION

2 5 This bill requires the state board of regents to assess
2 6 existing resources available for minority students and to
2 7 establish and operate an urban institute which maximizes and
2 8 builds on existing resources. Under the direction of the
2 9 board of regents, the urban institute will promote
2 10 collaboration among the regents universities, community
2 11 colleges, private colleges, high schools, communities, and
2 12 government agencies to assist minority students in academic,
2 13 athletic, community, and employment endeavors. The bill
2 14 includes a \$500,000 appropriation from the general fund of the
2 15 state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

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